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ALLIANCE DEPT NEWS

Alliance Dept. Keeps Things Humming—Preparing for Summer

(By T. P. Rolfson, Secretary)

Regular meeting of the Alliance Fire Department was held in club rooms February 9, 1916, and the meeting was one of a great deal of important business. The next regular meeting will also contain much important business.

Preparations are being made for a big summer for our plunge. New heating apparatus will be installed, and we will no doubt have a most prosperous and successful summer. This plunge is the most attractive place in this city in the summer, and we do every thing in our power to please the public, which is greatly appreciated.

A copy of the Crawford Courier for last week was received by the secretary, who placed this on the reading table in the club rooms, and was read thoroughly by all the boys, and especially concerning the business meeting of the Crawford Fire Department, as we are always interested in other departments and their meetings.

Secretary Rolfson has received the new roll call book which the department recently ordered from John Martin of Fremont, who explained this book at one of the meetings at the convention in Crawford. This book is without doubt the best of its kind printed, and has been made the standard roll call book of the Alliance Fire Department. This book should be used by every department in the state, and is worth a great deal more than it sells for.

President Lloyd Thomas is a candidate for congressman from the 73d district. Lloyd will be a good man for this position, and here's hoping he "gets there," and we are all back of him.

The Fire Department, the Commercial Club and the business men of Alliance thank the firemen who visited Alliance Friday, January 21, 1916, the day after the convention in Crawford, and we trust no visitor to Alliance on this date will ever regret his visit to Alliance.

Judging from the letters and thanks received by us, they are all mighty glad they came to Alliance. Especially do we thank the Ord Fire Department band for their assistance, and any time any of the departments in the state desire any assistance that we may render them, we will gladly give it to them. Any time any of you visit Alliance, come over and see us.

BANQUET AT TILDEN

(Contributed by Ray J. Becker)

The Tilden Fire Department held their annual banquet at the I. O. O. F. hall February 16. The boys, wives and sweethearts were there.

The city council were present to participate in the evening's entertainment. The Tilden Orchestra furnished the music and are entitled to praise for the good music.

Over a hundred persons were present, and all report a good time. G. Whitney was toastmaster, who called on prominent business men for short talks for the good of the city. The following responded: John Ashburn, our worthy chief; Dr. Baker, P. Stanton, P. Thomsen, C. O. Barr and C. A. Smith. The orchestra then gave a few more selections and at a late hour all departed, thanking the fire boys for their hospitality, and bravery in case of fire to protect the homes of every person in Tilden.



J. P. HOFFMAN OF ORD

Mr. Hoffman was elected president of the association at the Crawford convention. The convention at Auburn will be under his guidance, which is an assurance of a successful meeting. He devotes much time to the work and is the type of a man of whom the state firemen are proud.

CRAWFORD DEPARTMENT NOTES

Some Interesting Notes About the Crawford Department

From the Crawford Courier: A special meeting of the fire department was held Monday night, with a very large attendance.

Owing to the removal of Dr. A. W. Sprague from the city the office of assistant chief was declared vacant, and William Stone was elected to fill the vacancy.

Chief W. A. Sherrill reported that the city had agreed to purchase a chemical apparatus leaving it to the department to make the selection. It was here moved that the board of control make the selection and report same to the council.

A publicity committee consisting of Ray Moss, Clyde Beckwith and J. A. Rainey was appointed by the president. The board of control was directed to prepare house rules and to have same printed and posted in the club room.

A vote of thanks was extended to J. A. Kern for the splendid picture of the delegates.

Vern Wiggins presented the de-



C. J. ANDERSEN OF OMAHA

C. J. Andersen is one of the Andersen Brothers who sell fire department equipment. His exhibit at the Gate City Hotel was unique and interesting. He always attends the conventions and is a very popular man with the volunteer firemen over the state.

partment with a fine enlarged picture of the water fight between Crawford and Rushville at Hot Springs July 4, 1915. Clyde Hornsby presented a large picture of the Fremont delegates who attended the state convention last month. Both these pictures were duly accepted and vote of thanks extended to these gentlemen.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the Crawford Courier for its liberality and progressiveness in mailing copies of the paper to every delegate, containing a splendid account of the 1916 convention held at Crawford.

The report of the convention committee as published was duly accepted.

The surplus from the boxing contest amounting to \$1.40 was directed to be placed in the social fund. Also the sum of \$17.60, surplus from old convention fund, was placed in social fund.

A couple of small bills outstanding were ordered paid out of social fund. The president, secretary and chief were authorized to select and purchase necessary books for the secretary.

J. A. Rainey extended his thanks to the department for the kindnesses and services rendered at the death and burial of his sister-in-law.

The department meeting here adjourned and the board of control went into executive session.

James Hughes, Bailey Pinney and L. M. Fairchild were duly elected social members of the department and given keys to the club room.

A committee composed of C. J. Hornsby, T. A. Beans, L. M. Davis and Chief W. A. Sherrill was appointed to draft house rules.

Section 1 of Article 2 of the by-laws was amended to read as follows: "The regular membership fee shall be \$5, the apportionment to be \$1 to the general fund and \$4 to the social fund."

Adjourned.

NEWSPAPER HAD A GRUDGE

Account of Convention Does not Seem to Meet with Approval

Shortly after the Crawford convention, The Norfolk News, a daily newspaper published at Norfolk, published the following article regarding the meeting. We don't believe the Norfolk firemen agree with that newspaper, for in this paper will be found a mighty fine resolution from the Norfolk department. Those who attended the convention and are conversant with the facts know that it must be some "steam roller" that goes at the rate of 400 to 1.

We feel sure that the Norfolk firemen are going to be with the boys over the state and keep their shoulders to the wheel. They will receive recognition at the conventions, for the Norfolk department is a live one and a large one, and always right there. We would suggest to the boys that they proceed to "sit down" on a newspaper that does not express their feelings rightly.

The articles from the Norfolk paper follow:

Declaring that they were "steam-rolled" by a ring which they insist is ruling the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's association, returning delegates who attended the annual convention at Crawford said that most of the delegates from north Nebraska are heartily disgusted with the administration of the affairs of the association. They believe that slates are made up weeks in advance of the convention and that the administration organizes in favor of the South Plate delegates and those from the vicinity of Alliance.

The principal complaint of the Norfolk delegates is that after being urged to put up H. W. Winter of Norfolk as a candidate for the vice presidency of the association, the "ring" quickly turned against Norfolk and merely notified the candidate that it would be of no use for him to run for office until next year. The firemen who were to nominate Winter had come from the "ring," it is claimed, and said it would be useless to make the nomination.



HARRY J. HAUSER OF FREMONT

Harry Hauser is too well known to need any introduction. He is chief of the Fremont department, the largest in the state, and is known as Nebraska's most popular fireman. He was elected first vice president of the association at Crawford.

The next fight in which the Norfolk fire fighters participated was in the committee of the press which deals with the printing of the firemen's official organ. The committee, headed by Ralph Boyd of Norfolk, unanimously recommended resolution doing away with the publication for economical reasons.

The resolution was given a reading but before time for remarks was allowed an Alliance delegate moved to vote the resolution down. The motion was carried but through the convention hall floated a vigorous "no" from Councilman Matt Shaffer of Norfolk.

"Throw him out," yelled members of the organized administration, and then the Norfolk delegates and those from other parts of north Nebraska gave up the fight.

The returning delegates discussed many ways of revenge, on their return trip. Some declared that it would be proper to discard the association and keep the money spent on the trip to the convention city at home.

Some suggested that each company send but one new member each year and an annual banquet or district meeting of firemen from the Norfolk territory be held here.



S. C. ANDERSEN OF OMAHA

Mr. Andersen is one of the Andersen Brothers, Omaha fire department supply company. He kept the firm thoroughly advertised with the big electric siren alarm whistle which "blew and blew and blew."

The report to the fire department by the returning delegates promises to be an interesting one.

The hook and ladder wagon in the fire station to which a motor truck has been attached will not be allowed to go any faster than it did when pulled by a team of horses. Fire Chief Nenow gave out these orders in the fire station Saturday. He says that the old wagon will not stand fast running as originally it was made to be pulled by human hands and later was reconstructed for horses.

The wagon is now about thirty years old and the fire chief fears that if it becomes damaged the city will not have enough money on hand to purchase a new wagon.

GALLEY ELECTED AGAIN

Popular Columbus Man Re-elected to Post of Chief—Other Columbus News of Interest

From the Columbus Telegram:

Bert J. Galley, than whom there is not a more popular fire chief in all Nebraska, was unanimously re-elected chief of the Columbus Fire Department at the annual meeting of the members which was held Monday evening. Mr. Galley is now entering upon his fourteenth year as the active leader of the fire fighters. He was first made chief in 1897. After holding the position for three years, he declined to accept it again. In 1906, however, the boys insisted that he resume the chief's duties. He yielded to their demand, and has been re-elected each successive year. Mr. Galley's record has been one of unwavering devotion to the best interests of the department, and never-failing service to the city. He is known as one of the most able and most faithful fire chiefs in the state, and stands high in the councils of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association.

All the other officers who have served the department faithfully and well during the past few years were also unanimously re-elected, with exception of Treasurer Arthur Viergutz, who declined renomination. Frank P. Dietz was chosen to succeed him as custodian of the funds. Those re-elected were: Assistant Fire Chief Will Plagemann; President Guy Matson; Vice President B. L. Parker; Secretary C. S. Kenoyer.

After the election, President Guy Matson announced the appointments of the following standing committees for the ensuing year: Auditing committee, A. W. Friebois, A. W. Kummer and T. F. Higgins; memorial committee, Arthur Schack, John Politis, Clarence Cornell, Otto Held and John Steinhouser.

Fire Chief Galley appointed B. L. Parker as department electrician, and detailed the following members from the various companies for duty on the auto chemical wagon during the year: Carl Reector and Henry Wolfe, from Hose Company No. 1; Fred Burgener and B. L. Parker, from the W. Y. Bissell Hose Company; A. W. Kummer and Will Fayman, from Hose Company No. 2; Herman Wolfe and John Stanzel, from the Pioneer Hook and Ladder company. Reector will act as foreman of the squad, and Burgener as assistant foreman.

The board of control of the department consists of the chief, assistant chief and secretary of the department, and the foreman of each company. The personnel for the year 1915-1917 will be: Bert J. Galley; Will F. Plagemann; C. S. Kenoyer; Gus Boettcher, Hose Company No. 1; Otto B. Johannes, Hose Company No. 2; Clarence Cornell, from the IBsells; Herman Kaufman, from the Hooks.

It was decided that on the occasion of the death of an honorary member, the department should be represented at the funeral by a detail of two men from each company, under command of one of the department officials. When such a death occurs, the secretary will call a special meeting of the department, at which the representatives from each company will be selected. Members oldest in the service in each company will be detailed first.

The frequent loss of rubber coats and uniforms belonging to the department was one of the subjects which came up for discussion. As a result, it is probable that in the future members may be required to make a deposit of several dollars when they take out coats and uniforms, the money to be refunded when the articles are returned.

There are now 72 active members in the department, and nearly all of them were present at the annual meeting. Reports of the officers showed the department to be in a very good condition as to strength and equipment. Assistant Chief Plagemann gave a good report of the state convention which he and several others from here attended at Crawford.

ANNUAL BALL AT HAVELOCK

The Havelock fire department held their annual ball on February 14 in Lancaster hall. They extended a hearty invitation to all neighboring towns to attend, and were rewarded with a very successful entertainment.

AJAX CHEMICAL FIRE ENGINE



An Ajax chemical fire engine, a picture of which is shown herewith, has recently been installed by J. H. Vaughn & Son in their coal and

feed yard at the south end of Cheyenne avenue. They bought this machine from C. C. Tash, local agent for the Ajax Fire Engine Works, of New York City.

With this machine the danger from fire is reduced to the minimum. It throws a heavy chemical stream eighty feet and is said to have fire fighting efficiency equal to 9,000 buckets of water. It can be easily and quickly moved from one part of the yard to another, is always ready for immediate action, and will put out fires of all kinds of inflammables such as oil, lumber, paints, tar, gasoline and turpentine.

This machine contains the same tremendously effective chemical solution and has about the same capacity as the auto or horse drawn chemical fire engines which extinguish a majority of the fires in the big cities.

The chemical solution will last for years without any necessity of having to be replaced and in the event the machine is used to extinguish a fire the company agrees to refill it free of charge.

ABOUT THE FIREMEN

By LLOYD THOMAS
Publicity Chairman

This edition of The Herald goes to every delegate who attended the Crawford convention in January, in addition to the different departments over the state. If you want an extra copy send for it early before the supply runs short.

We are pleased with the spirit of cooperation shown by the firemen over the state in the matter of securing publicity. This edition shows what some of the boys are doing by aiding us with news of their departments.

If your local newspaper would like to use the panoramic cut of the firemen at Crawford in this edition we will be pleased to loan it on your request, with the assurance that it will be returned promptly for the use of others who might want it. The cut is just long enough to fill a column if run lengthwise of the page. Requests will be filled in the order in which they arrive.

We thought that we had a cut of that old warhorse, Harry Graff of Seward, but we find on going to press that his cut is missing. We trust that our ex-president will not feel slighted for he is so well known anyway by the boys that the mention of his name brings remembrances of the capable manner in which he handled the Crawford convention.

Does your copy of The Herald reach your department all right? If it does not, write me a letter giving the name of the secretary or the chief and asking that your department's copy be mailed regularly to one of them so that all the boys will get to read it. We now have 130 departments on our mailing list and

want all the boys to get to read the paper each week.

Both the Crawford Courier and the Crawford Tribune gave much publicity to the convention and they deserve credit for being enterprising newspapers.

The Chadron fire department certainly deserves much credit for their spirit of helpfulness and boosting shown during the convention. Chadron is only twenty miles from Crawford and the Chadron boys came down in full force. If it had been possible the delegates would have enjoyed a trip to Chadron, which is the county seat of Dawes county. Chadron has a good band and a live bunch of firemen.

Other towns which sent down delegates to the convention were Rushville, Hay Springs and Gordon. These towns are located east of Crawford, on the Northwestern. They all have a good, live bunch of fire boys and did their part in helping entertain the men who visited western Nebraska.

Insurance Men at Grand Island

John W. Guthrie of Alliance, second vice president of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association, was elected a vice president of the state fire insurance underwriters at the meeting held at Grand Island last week. The convention voted to hold their next meeting at Kearney. The officers elected are: President, A. Barney, Kearney; vice president, W. L. White, York; second vice president, George Cowton, Grand Island; third vice president, J. W. Guthrie, Alliance; secretary-treasurer, F. T. B. Martin, Omaha.



MAYOR ARAH L. HUNGERFORD OF CRAWFORD

Mr. Hungerford was called out of the city by sickness during the convention but he didn't forget the fire-

men for he wrote a welcome address that was full of good cheer and turned the city over to the visitors. He is one of the men who should have the credit for putting northwestern Nebraska on the map.



SEWARD DEPARTMENT AND CITY HALL

The above is a picture of the Seward Fire Department. The boys have a fine home there and can well be proud of the same